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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 8812

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, EFIN, SY
SUBJECT: SYRIAN BACKING FOR SAUDI PRICING DECISION

REF: DAMASCUS 8730

1. MINECON IMADI TOLD AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 28 THAT NO
DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY SARG ON PRICE OF ITS OWN OIL
IN WAKE OF RECENT OPEC INCREASES. IMADI ASSUMED THAT
FOR THE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MILLION TONS AVAILABLE FOR
EXPORT THIS COMING YEAR, SARG WOULD TRY TO SELL HIGH
AND BUY LOW. HE NOTED IN PASSING THAT MINPET DARWISH
WAS NOT A SPECIALIST IN PETROLEUM AFFAIRS AND, AS A
NEWCOMER TO THE CABINET, STILL LARGELY UNINFORMED ABOUT
THE WORKINGS OF HIS OWN MINISTRY (REFTEL PARA 2).

2. IMADI SAID THAT AT FULL CAPACITY HOMES REFINERY CAN
HANDLE 5.8 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY, 40 PERCENT OF WHICH CAN
BE HIGH SULFUR SYRIAN OIL. AT PRESENT, UNIT 17 WHICH IS
ESSENTIAL TO PROCESSING OF THE SYRIAN OIL WAS OUT OF
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COMMISSION AND HOMES REFINERY IS, THEREFORE, OPERATING
TOTALLY ON IMPORTED SAUDI OIL.
MURPHY

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